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Dear Brad,

As I indicated in my letter of a week ago, I am apprehensive about the publication of NEVER AGAIN! I have even more reason to be now and in thinking about this I began to wonder what was sent to you as the manuscript.

As of about a year ago the manuscript had been edited. Some of the editing was merely to shorten the book, I asked that what was eliminated for that purpose only be restored and that was agreed to. I was given that assurance in Richard Gallen's name. I was also told that the manuscript was then to go to the copy editor preparatory to being printed. As of a recent letter from Gallen it has not yet gone to any copy editor. and after refusing to respond to my asking him if he would keep his word and publish it this September he finally did respond in a letter that is false in all respects. He said it "cannot" be published before next March and if I can make other arrangements to feel free to do that. If I could, I certainly would!

I do not know how much you have read but you can form your own opinion about whether as he claims the book is not "timely". If I were not as limited in so many ways as I am at 81 and in impaired health I could have had that book out, as he could have more easily, last July.

If you have the edited manuscript it will have many cuts indicated on it and in a different handwriting numerous of those cuts are marked "stet." It should have 34 chapters, conclusions, an epilogue and an Afterword. The Afterword was not edited. It is more recent. Part of it is, I think, important to you in establishing that Humes is an obvious liar. As I hope you have seen in Post Mortem. If irresponsibility is a factor for you, it also adds to the utter irresponsibility of JAMA and all involved with it.

Aside for your needing the full manuscript for content it is the place where corrections were made, very few as I recall, but some on fact.

The manuscript has had the two best possible peer reviews and two of not quite the entire thing. Of those two, one represents the third best judgement on the subject matter. I do this while I am writing. The lack of real peer review in the field in notorious and obvious to any who know the actual established fact rather than of beat interpretations of it or of the innumerable theories all of which are in some way faulted and can kick back on you in court.

This leads me to cross over into you area and I hope you will understand my reason for doing it, to be helpful and to help you avoid possible trouble. I think you should expect unseen help to your adversaries by the government. It surely did that in the Garrison trial, as you will see in NEVER AGAIN!

There are some indications of this, not proof but indications, in FBI records I got in FOIA litigation.

Gallen's behavior with this book and with Case Open is incomprehensible to me and to Dave Wrone and Jerry McKnight. McKnight is a local history prof and a legitimate subject-matter expert. He is also a dear friend, as is Wrone, who was here when I got Gallen's recent letter.

What makes it more incomprehensible is that I've known Gallen for years as a fine, thoughtful and helpful friend and as an honest man. He has not been this with me since not long after he got the last of NEVER AGAIN! other than the Afterword. I have given the possible explanations much thought and I discussed them at length with Wrone last week. We could neither of us rule out that he may be serving other interests and of them, that of government.

Another is that of Carroll & Graf, what it has published, what was then still on sale and what it plans to publish. There are fresh indications of the latter. I may learn more about that later today when Jim Lesar will be here.

If you would like me to go into these matters at greater length I will.

If I were in a position to sue, in depositions I could go into the CIA's intrusions into my publishing beginning in 1965 when there were at least two in the United States and at least two abroad.

In this country it had a publishing operation and I believe a nonpublishing operation. It used Frederick Praeger to publish books it wanted published for their propaganda. When that was exposed it probably had to find another or others.

What Carroll & Graf has published, without exception until Case Open, which it co-published with Gallen, can be interpreted as serving official interests. All are in varying degrees flawed. Some Gallen co-published with them. What Gallen meataxed out of Case Open is of this character. Among other things it exculpated Oswald. And the CIA was eliminated from its subtitle.

So, I write to be sure you have the full and final form of the manuscript.

I do not want what I say about Gallen to get around so please keep it to yourself.

I hope you have had some time for the manuscript and that you find it useful.

Best wishes,

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